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CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES

Teaching People God's Financial Principles

Are you looking for a Bible study that will help you grow in financial wisdom? If so, the Crown Bible Study is for you! There are many programs offering a quick fix for financial difficulties. The Crown Bible study isn't a quick fix. It is a life-long plan. The principles you will learn in the Crown Bible study are powerful and life-changing because they are based on God's Word.

Registration for the spring session of this 10-week study is now open. Stop by the information table in the hallway outside Dyer Hall to look at class materials, have your questions answered and register in person. Or register on-line at www.sharingtheheart.org. Registration ends in early February so sign up today! A Student Orientation meeting will be held February 14. Weekly meetings begin February 21 and end May 23. More information is available on the Crown Web site: www.crown.org (click on "Life Groups"), or email our Crown committee members Tepe and Jon Hamilton, Mark and Marci Hanes, Kay Carlson or Amy Willingham at crown@sharingtheheart.org.

Free Crown Financial Workshop Sunday, January 24, 9:00am-12:00pm

Beginning on the Road to Financial Freedom is a free 2-1/2 hour workshop that provides both an overview of the Crown Bible study and its basic principles and gives practical advice on how to handle basic finances. The workshop provides an open and friendly environment to talk through financial questions/concerns and the opportunity to register for a more extended small group study. For preparation purposes, please register for this workshop on our website at www.sharingtheheart.org/crown-life-groups.



Habitat for Humanity

North Collin County Habitat for Humanity cordially invites you to a dedication ceremony for:

Martin and Elia (Cordova) Saucedo
Saturday, January 16 at 12:30 P.M.
1300 Gough Street, McKinney, Texas

Please come celebrate with the Saucedo family and the wonderful partners who made this possible:

First United Methodist Church of McKinney and Allen Stonebridge U.M.C. and Creekwood U.M.C.

View Point Bank Foundation
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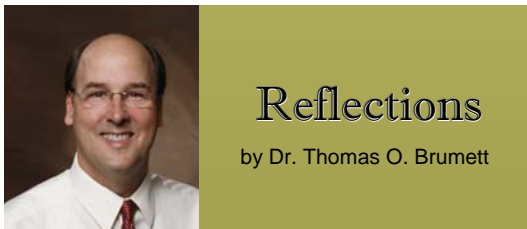
Dare to Dream: From Dysfunction to Destiny

A Faith Connections Sunday Morning Bible Study
9:45–10:45 am in Room C205

- Jan. 17** **The Brothers Grim: When Dreams Head South** (Genesis 37)
- Jan. 24** **I Never Dreamed of This! (Can God Use This Mess?)** (Genesis 38)
- Jan. 31** **Down But Not Out: When Stubbornness Pays Off** (Genesis 39)
- Feb. 7** **'All I Have to Do is Dream': Playing the Waiting Game** (Genesis 40–41)
- Feb. 14** **Grace to the Guilty: Tenacious Faith Forgives** (Genesis 42–45)
- Feb. 21** **When Dreams Come True** (Genesis 46–47)
- Feb. 28** **Blessing the Family** (Genesis 48–49)
- Mar. 7** **The Best is Yet to Come** (Genesis 50)

Join the Church Sunday

We will offer a special opportunity to become a member of FUMC-McKinney in a small, relaxed setting on Sunday, January 24. Join us for a continental breakfast at 8:15 am in the Parlor. Your acceptance into membership will follow in the Chapel. Please RSVP to Tara Cooper at 972-562-8556, ext. 24 or cooper@sharingtheheart.org.



As I was watching the Cowboys game Saturday night with my 19-year-old son, Josh, I realized that Josh was six years old the last time that Dallas won a playoff game. Thirteen years is a long time.

The Dallas Cowboys and I were born the same year in Dallas, Texas. I grew up listening to them on the radio and watching them on TV. Growing up in Irving, Texas, I had many opportunities to be in Texas Stadium. I sold popcorn and cokes for the Boy Scouts during many games. I remember shedding tears when the Boys lost in the Super Bowl to Baltimore. We were robbed! I remember the joy of the first championship win over Miami. Many years of ups and downs followed, shared with my father and later my son.

Thirteen years is a long time without a playoff victory. But I remember those seasons with happiness. I remember watching games with friends and family members. The good years and the difficult years were all years shared, lived and enjoyed. I give thanks for those years and the lessons in living which they brought.

This past Sunday I preached about the Baptism of the Lord. I shared that this Sunday in the church year reminds me that we are God's beloved. Good years and hard years come and go. God's steadfast love and faithfulness endure forever.

I pray that each of you grows deeper in the awareness of God's steadfast love this new year. Whether it seems like a good year or a hard year, I pray that we will grow stronger in our relationship with God. Win or lose, God is with us. We are not alone.

I will see you in church on Sunday. It will be another blessed day shared in the presence of the living God. And by the way, the game starts after church!

Peace,

Beth Moore Bible Study

The Beth Moore Bible Study groups are kicking off 2010 with a bang! We will be studying Beth Moore's new "hot off the press" remake of *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories*. This study has been a favorite and the remake promises to be even better. This study leads us through scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites and today's believers. Beth uses scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small.

Two class times are offered:

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning January 19, 2010

Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 am, beginning January 20, 2010

Registration is easy!

- Online at www.sharingtheheart.org.
- Fill out a registration form available at the Information Desk **or**
- Call Jan Johnson at 972-529-8832

Childcare is available only with advanced reservations by contacting Robin Woodall at rwoodall@sharingtheheart.org or 972-562-8556, ext. 35.

Cost is \$25 for the materials and payment can be made at the first meeting. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Jan Johnson at 972-529-8832.

What is the Walk to Emmaus

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.—2007 Upper Room Ministries



The next women's walk is February 18-21 and men's walk is March 18-21. If you have been thinking of attending a walk, additional information can be found at www.sharingtheheart.org/walk-to-emmaus. Applications are on-line and in the church lobby.

Rummage for Relay

hosted by FUMC Legacy Lives Team



On April 10, in support of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the FUMC Legacy Lives Team will host a church-wide rummage sale. Donations are open to the entire church so hang on to that pile of stuff that you have been meaning to get rid of and help us raise money for our mission to fight cancer. **Donated items can be dropped off in Dyer Hall, April 5-9.**

This is a great opportunity for the entire church to get involved in Relay for Life this year. We are looking for many helpers for this event so if you are interested please contact Chris Anderson 972-741-1434 or Cala Pence 972-529-1332.

To good health and a cure – cheers!

Welcome New Member



Johnny Baublis
Joined January 10, 2010

Mary Martha Circle of United Methodist Women

Please join us for our first meeting of the new year on Monday, January 18 at 9:45 am in the church parlor. Dr. Ellen Palmer will be our speaker. Call Mary Winders at 972-562-4801 for more information.

Young Women's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday, January 19, 9:30-11:00 am in the Parlor as we begin a nine-week study of Suzanne Stabile's *The Fruits of the Spirit—A Different Perspective*. Suzanne's approach is both personal and unpredictable as she shares her own life experience and ongoing struggle to live in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Our study will combine Suzanne's CDs with group discussion. For more information visit our website at www.sharingtheheart.org or contact Karen Reid at kbr@karenreid.net.

Senior Adult Ministry

The Friendship Club will meet Tuesday, January 19 at 12:00 pm in the Parlor for a covered dish luncheon. Everyone is invited to bring one of your favorite dishes to share. Our program will be presented by The McKinney Strings which will be a musical delight to all who attend.

The Friendship Club is a senior adult ministry that enjoys covered dish luncheons, fellowship, informative or musical program and missions. Questions? Contact Gloria Lindsey at 972-548-1647 or Paula Sisson at 972-562-2034.

Unemployed Support Ministry

This group is about hope, support, and sharing the struggle in a Christ-filled atmosphere. This group is not for the purpose of providing job-hunting tips. We meet on Friday mornings at 8:00 am in the Parlor. Visit www.sharingtheheart.org/support for more info, or contact Don Spak at 972-529-0257.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 17

- 8:45 am Celebration Singers, E205
- 8:45 am Joyful Noise, The Landing
- 9:00 am Cherub Choir, Children's Common Area
- 9:45 am CrossRoads, Conference Room
- 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band, Youth Area
- 4:30 pm Youth Ringers, Bell Room
- 4:45 pm Music Makers (4th-6th gr.), Choir Room
- 5:30 pm Christian Believers, C210
- 5:30 pm Disciple I, B200
- 5:30 pm Praise Ringers, Bell Room
- 5:30 pm UMYF, Dyer Hall, Youth Area
- 6:15 pm Carillon Ringers, Bell Room
- 7:15 pm Flutes of the Spirit, Sanctuary

Monday, January 18

- 9:45 am Mary Martha Circle, Parlor
- 10:30 am Daisy Troop 956, E225
- 4:00 pm Webelo Den Hawks, E205
- 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting, Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Girl Scout Troop 442, E215
- 7:15 pm Boy Scout Troop 303, Youth Area

Tuesday, January 19

- 9:30 am Disciple I, C200
- 9:30 am Young Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 10:00 am Beatitudes Women's Study, B200
- 12:00 pm Friendship Club, Parlor
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts, Dyer Hall
- 6:30 pm Beth Moore Bible Study, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, C200, C210
- 7:00 pm Disciple II, E205
- 7:00 pm Jesus in the Gospels, B200
- 7:00 pm Webelos Mighty Scorpions, E260

Wednesday, January 20

- 9:00 am Al-Anon, C200
- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 9:30 am Beth Moore Bible Study, E215-225, E205
- 6:00 pm Daisy Troop 3281, E215
- 6:00 pm Women's Chorus, Choir Room
- 6:30 pm Worship Service, Chapel
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 pm Disciple I, E205
- 7:00 pm Disciple IV, C205

Thursday, January 21

- 6:30 pm Cub Scout Troop 303 Den 9, E105
- 7:00 pm Created by God, Youth Area
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice, Dyer Hall

Friday, January 22

- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 8:00 am Unemployed Support Group, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Created by God, Youth Area

Saturday, January 23

- 8:00 am Created by God, Youth Area
- 8:00 am Pinewood Derby, Dyer Hall

Altar Flowers for 2010

If you would like to give altar flowers in memory or honor of a loved one in the sanctuary, stop by or call the church to sign up for a Sunday. We will order the arrangement for a cost of \$50 (check made payable to FUMC, with "altar flowers" noted in the memo line).





Parents Night Out is cancelled this month due to the MISD long holiday weekend.

Bible Blasters: Last Wednesday, 25 third graders gathered for a Bible lesson on Psalm 23. They had a great time learning, eating pizza, and making root beer floats! Many thanks to our parent volunteers: Lori Halderman, Lori Sawka, Amy Oden and Misti Kusano. We will meet again on Wednesday, February 3.

M & M kids will meet on Sunday, February 7 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

Have a great week!

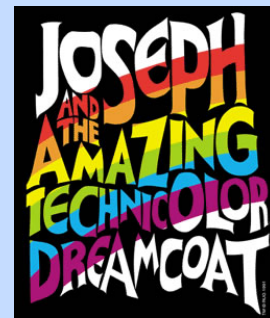
Ms. Cheridy

Cheridy Dodd, Director of Children's Ministries
972-562-8556, ext. 50; cdodd@sharingtheheart.org

calling all youth!

Don't miss auditions for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" this Sunday, January 17, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm in Dyer Hall. Rehearsals will be every Sunday through the spring semester with the performances on June 10 and 11.

You must currently be in grades 7-12 to audition. If you missed the information meeting this past Sunday and need to sign up for an audition time, e-mail Kirk Anderson, Youth Choir Director, at kanderson@sharingtheheart.org.



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